Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Clint R. Roberts has devoted 31 years to serving the people of the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, During his career, Clint served in the South Dakota Senate for 6 years, was the Secretary of Agriculture for 1 year, served in the 97th Congress for 2 years, and was also the director of the South Dakota Energy Office for 1 year; and,

Whereas, While serving as Director of the Energy Office, Clint created the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program that provided financial stability to numerous farmers and ranchers with a total of $44,303,500 in bonds being issued to fund the program at no cost to the taxpayers, and with the support of Governor Mickelson, they were able to change the law that allowed all states to acquire the program; and,

Whereas, Clint has played another role as actor in the movies, *The Duchess and the Dirtwater Fox* and *Orphan Train*, was the lead character in the Schlitz beer commercial filmed at the Houck Buffalo Ranch where the phrase "Cowboys and Buffalos with Gusto" was coined and premiered during the 1977 Super Bowl, and also produced a documentary entitled *Love for the Land;* and,

Whereas, Clint has often been referred to as the "Marlboro Man"; and,

Whereas, In 1980, Congressman-Elect Roberts was quite the redneck when he and his buddies rode their horses into the Capitol rotunda during the Pierre Centennial Ball; and,

Whereas, It has now come time for Clint to retire on December 31, 2003, and he and his wife of 51 years, Bev, will reside in Fort Pierre and take up the sport of fishing; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many accomplishments and years of service of this South Dakotan as Clint's colleagues, family, and friends gather on January 7, 2004, to honor him:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 7, 2004, as

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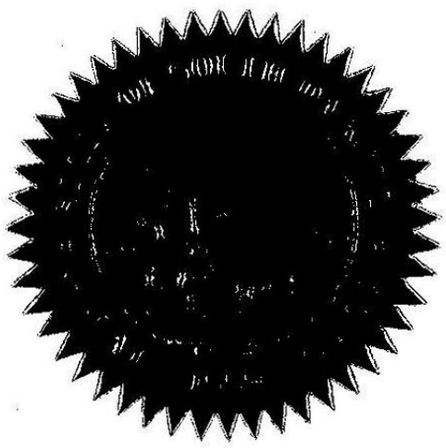
in South Dakota, and I join Clint's family, friends and co-workers in wishing him a fulfilling and happy retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirty-first Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State